

Ways of Knowing: Reuniting the Sacred and Science

A Conference at University College Winchester September 2nd – 4th 2005

Is there such a thing as truth? Can we ever truly know anything? In this conference Physics, Psychology and Social Science reveal the different ways of knowing as strands in our participation in the mystery that is reality.

Talks and discussions with:

June Boyce-Tillman
Subjugated Ways of Knowing

Les Lancaster
The principles of sacred science: From Sufism and Kabbalah to cognitive neuroscience.

Chris Clarke
Physics and Reality

Isabel Clarke
There is a crack in everything: that's how the light gets in

Mike King
NOMA Revisited: the Case against a False Synthesis of Science and Religion

Leon Schlam
Andrew Rawlinson's Taxonomy of Mystical Traditions: Ken Wilber and alternative perspectives

Rodney Bomford
Matte Blanco and the Logic of God

Lyn D Andrews
Education and the Quest for Integration

Workshops with:

Anne Baring
Expanding the Conscious Mind

Neil Douglas-Klotz
Ordinary and Extraordinary Ways of Knowing

John Holt, Jennifer Elam
Soul's sanctuary - art and creativity

The conference will aim to foster an open dialogue amongst all presenters and participants, by strictly limiting numbers (almost all residential) and including panel discussions and informal groups. It is organised by Chris Clarke with grants from Telos and the Theoria to Theory fund of the Scientific and Medical Network.

The Venue

University College Winchester

Sessions and accommodation, fully en suite, are in West Downs Conference Centre, a Grade II listed building refurbished and converted in 2001 to a high standard, just over a mile from the city centre.

About the presenters

June Boyce-Tillman is Professor of Applied Music at University College Winchester. She pioneered work in introducing composing activities into the classroom and has a particular interest in Music and Theology including Religious Education. She has done pioneering work in interfaith dialogue Her most recent publications are in the areas of music, healing and spirituality and on Hildegard of Bingen.

Anne Baring is a writer and retired Jungian Analyst. She is the author and co-author of 5 books including *The Myth of the Goddess: Evolution of an Image*, *The Mystic Vision* and a book for children, *The Birds Who Flew Beyond Time*. She lives near Winchester. Website: www.annebaring.com

Mike King has four degrees spanning art, science and the spiritual, and conducts interdisciplinary research across these fields under the rubric of Postsecularism. He is University Reader at London Metropolitan University, and Director of the Centre for Postsecular Studies, also a Director of the Scientific and Medical Network and on the Steering Group for University for Spirit Forum

Neil Douglas-Klotz is co-chair of the Mysticism Group of the American Academy of religion and co-directs the Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning in Edinburgh. He is author of many books in religious studies, spirituality, and psychology including *Desert Wisdom* (1995) and *The Sufi Book of Life* (2005). He taught for ten years at Holy Names College in California, and was recognized as a senior teacher (murshid) in the Sufi path in 1993.

Les Lancaster is Chair of the Transpersonal Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society. At Liverpool John Moores University he is co-founder of the Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit and Honorary Research Fellow in the Centre for Jewish Studies at Manchester University. He has also taught Jewish meditation and Kabbalah for 30 years. His many books include *Mind Brain and Human Potential* and *The Essence of Kabbalah* (due autumn 2005).

Chris Clarke was Professor of Applied Mathematics and Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Southampton, where he is now a Visiting Professor. He has published 3 books on General Relativity and papers on relativity, astrophysics, cosmology, the foundations of quantum theory, biomagnetic imaging, the physics of consciousness and ecotheology.

Isabel Clarke is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist, providing a psychological therapies service for an NHS psychiatric hospital near Southampton. She is a practicing Anglican, and active in the Association for Creation Spirituality (Greenspirit). She gives workshops and lectures on the interface between psychosis and spirituality. Edited book *Psychosis and Spirituality: Exploring the New Frontier* (2001); www.scispirit.com/Psychosis_spirituality

Lyn D Andrews is a secondary school science teacher who experienced a life changing mystical experience in 1996. Since then she has concentrated on gaining scientific support for an interconnected, creative view of the universe. She is establishing a new approach to education and healing, believing that increasing self-awareness and self-acceptance leads to enrichment of life, and that ultimate co-creative power resides within us.

Rodney Bomford studied Mathematics and Theology at Oxford, Mirfield seminary and Union Seminary, New York, specialising in Philosophy of Religion. From 1977 to 2001 he was Vicar of St Giles' church, Camberwell. He was a founding member of the London Bi-logic group. In his book *The Symmetry of God* (1999) he explored the connections between God and the Unconscious in the light of Matte Blanco's theories.

John Holt was a lecturer in the School of Fine Art, Art History and Cultural Analysis at Leeds University and then Fellow in Art and Design at Loughborough University. He has written, from practical experience, on Native American and Aboriginal culture, the arts of South Asia and the status of those defined as 'mentally ill'. He is founder of Artists in Mind, an organisation to promote and explore creativity in those in emotional and spiritual crisis.

Jennifer Elam is a licensed psychologist who has taught at college level, and worked in residential treatment and in schools from preschool to adult. As a Cadbury scholar at Pendle Hill she recorded about 100 stories of people's experiences of God. She presently leads art retreats, facilitates programs at The Listening Centre works as a psychologist, and makes time to write and paint. Her heart's desire now is to enjoy ordinary life.

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